

City of Cambridge
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday May 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 via Zoom. In attendance were Mayor Sherry Tyler, Commissioners Gayle Wilhelmi, Brad King, Gary Osborne, Carol Huelsman, and attorney Carrie Ritsert. The minutes of the April meeting was distributed by email prior to the meeting. The financial report was also sent via email. Gayle had a correction for the April minutes; Brad made a motion to accept the March minutes and Gayle seconded. The motion was passed. Gary made a motion to accept the April minutes. Brad seconded and the motion was approved.

Old Business: Gayle has been trying to get a bid on waste collection from Ecotech. After several tries they finally sent a bid but it didn't distinguish between the homes and the condos which would have dumpsters, the recycling bins would be smaller but still collected every other week with yard waste and trash collected once a week. The quote sent was for a 5 year agreement with prices increasing incrementally every year. After several back and forth texts with Greg Alvey at Ecotech he said he would send a revised bid for Gayle to present at the May meeting, but it was never received.

The resident (renter) at 2908 Westfield has been continually sending emails to Brad about the neighbor parking on the street directly behind her driveway. Sherry said she did send a letter to the homeowner about the situation about three weeks ago, but there has been no change. The tone in some of the renter's emails indicates that there may be another issue going on of which the Board members find offensive.

New Business: Mr. Day at 4216 Browns Lane would like to build a huge storage garage to house a car collection. Sherry has sent the Cambridge building requirements/ordinances to him. Carrie feels that if he can comply with the setback and put it in his backyard then he is probably ok. He has a very wide lot.

The first reading of Ordinance #1 2022-2023 setting the tax rate for the next fiscal year was held. The tax rate will be .168% which is the same as last year, and would stay just under the allowable 4% income increase. The second reading and adoption will be at the June meeting.

The first reading of Ordinance #2 2022-2023 was held establishing a budget for the City of Cambridge for the next fiscal year, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The second reading and adoption will be at the June meeting.

Sherry has a letter ready to send to residents asking for volunteers to serve on the Board. There was some discussion about the election. Gayle has filed to run, and Gary plans on filing. Brad has not decided if he will continue, and Carol will not be returning. Alternatives to continuing as an independent City would be annexation by St. Regis or dissolving the city and becoming part of Louisville Metro. This would require 51% of registered voters in Cambridge to agree to be annexed. We would have to come to St. Regis with a petition requesting annexation. Each City would have to pass an identical ordinance accepting annexation, and a petition to the County Clerk to verify. The minimum time such a process could take would be four months. Sherry asked about what we would be able to do with the funds. Carrie said that we would have to turn over Road Fund money if we were annexed, but any money in the general fund could be returned to homeowners either by a flat rate determination or Sherry suggested a set amount based on how many years a homeowner has lived in the city and contributed to the fund. Carol asked about how St. Regis handles home businesses and what their yearly fee might be. We did not have the answer to that.

Sherry reported that she had trouble with the crew for yard waste pickup. They threw receptacles, were yelling, and just generally had a bad attitude. She emailed Andy with her concerns, and the next Monday the situation was fine. The following Monday had the same crew back with the same problems. Andy was contacted again who requested a video. The file was too large so Sherry sent two smaller videos from her doorbell video. On May 16 there was a different crew again.

The homeowner at 2905 Cambridge was sent a letter informing him that his grass was too high and giving him 10 days to fix the violation. A service company came to mow on the day the letter was mailed. Just to clarify, Carrie said that daily fines can include weekend days. The next letter would have come from Carrie. Carrie requested a copy of the first correspondence if it came to that.

Sherry wondered if anyone had heard if the field behind Cambridge had been sold and was going to be developed. She noted that one overgrown area near the Troutwein's home was being cleared. Although Gayle had noticed this also, no one has heard that the property has changed ownership.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm. The next meeting will be June 21, 2022 at 6:00pm.